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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**Docket No.:
5852-07-LAVSerial No.:
609/489,241Filing Date:
January 21, 2000Examiner:
Arthur L. CorbinGroup Art Unit:
1761

Invention Title:

ORAL CARE CHEWING GUMS AND CONFECTIONS**TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS**

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application.

Small Entity status of this Application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a Verified Statement previously submitted.

A Verified Statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

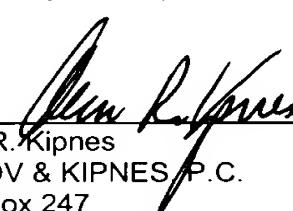
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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	9	MINUS	20	0	X \$22	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	MINUS	4	0	X \$82	\$ 0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ADDED					X \$270	\$ 0.00
					TOTAL	\$ 0.00
If applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.					SMALL ENTITY TOTAL	\$

Please charge Deposit Account Number 23-0510 in the amount of \$ 0.00. A duplicate copy is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this matter, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0510.

July 9, 2003
Date

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Applicant : Shiu John Luo et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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July 9, 2003

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims.